

• Women of the Cross Happenings

Women of the Cross have been long time collaborators with the Judy Dworin Performance Ensemble. Since the mid 1990's WOTC has taken an active part in creating JDPE's full length evening works. The collaboration has grown over the years, especially with the *Moving Matters!* residency program and our work at York Correctional Institution. Leslie Bird, Musical Director of WOTC, leads the singing section of the residency program to create unique and powerful a cappella songs which reflect the thoughts and writings of incarcerated women. Women of the Cross members Leslie Bird, Elaine Hariston and Leslie Manselle sing moving contemporary gospels in the a cappella style. These women have had a busy couple months, and it just keeps going into 2009! They wowed audiences at two separate events recently, the First Thursdays event at the Butler-McCook House hosted by CT Landmarks, and the Monday-Monday Holiday Party at City Arts on Pearl (233 Pearl St., Hartford) hosted by Theaterworks, performing to crowds of artists and arts appreciators from all around Greater Hartford. Think WOTC might make a nice addition to an upcoming event of yours? Contact Carla Iovinella at JDPP for more information - JDPPinc@gmail.com.



Save the Dates!

• January 18, 2009

*Trinity Episcopal Church
Torrington, CT*

- The CT Center for Nonviolence is having a 3 day celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, with Victoria Christgau, Fre Atlast, Caru Thompson and the Peace is Possible Chorus, and featuring special guests David Darling, Deacon Arthur Miller, Richard Tarlaian and **Women of the Cross**. Suggested donation is \$12 for adults, \$10 for students & seniors. Visit www.ctnonviolence.org for more information.

• January 20, 2009

*LaRenaissance
East Windsor, CT*

- The Connecticut Presidential Inaugural Ball for the People invited you to a celebration of a new birth of freedom - service in our communities. This black-tie optional event is \$55 for dinner and dancing. **Women of the Cross** are organizers and featured artists at this event.

Please visit <http://ctobama.ning.com/page/peoples-ball> or contact Elaine Hariston at 860-816-1652 or hairstonee@yahoo.com for more information and reservations.

• January 25, 2009 - Coming Soon!

*Black-Eyed Sally's
Hartford, CT*

- Please join us as we celebrate Judy Dworin Performance Project's 20th Anniversary with a cocktail celebration party from 4-8pm. WOTC will perform along with other surprises from the past, present and future of JDPP. Please see our website for more information, www.judydworin.org, or contact Carla Iovinella at JDPPinc@gmail.com.

• February 14, 2009

*Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, NY*

- JDPE & WOTC continues to tour our highly acclaimed piece on reflections on time of women in prison, *Time In*.

• February 17, 2009

*New London Youth Affairs
New London, CT*

- WOTC performs for the New London Youth Affairs program. Please visit <http://www.newlondonclicks.org/> for more information.

• March 19, 2009

*Housatonic Community College
Bridgeport, CT*

- WOTC will be conducting a workshop and performing as part of HCC's 3rd Thursday Cultural Celebration. In March, they will be presenting "The Culture of Women" as a daytime workshop at 2pm and an evening performance at 7pm.

• April 2, 3, 4, 2009 - JDPP Premiere!

*Charter Oak Cultural Center,
Hartford, CT*

- The premier of JDPE's 20th Anniversary season with our latest production, *Dreamings*.

Don't miss these wonderful events!